

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Accepts Eighth C-130J Aircraft

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The Coast Guard accepted into inventory its eighth C-130J Super Hercules aircraft from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Marietta, Georgia, today.

CGNR 2008 will next be outfitted with specialized equipment for Coast Guard missions – including radar and sensors – at Lockheed Martin’s Greenville, South Carolina, plant. The seventh C-130J in the Coast Guard’s fleet began the same process in late February. Missionization for both aircraft should be complete in early 2016.

A ninth C-130J is completing the assembly process in Marietta and should be ready for missionization by July 2015. Two more aircraft are under contract, with delivery in

2016 and 2017; funding for a 12th aircraft was included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. The Coast Guard issued a request for proposal March 9, 2015, that includes missionization of new aircraft and retrofit of legacy mission systems with the next-generation Naval Air Systems Command Minotaur Mission System Suite.

The Coast Guard currently operates six HC-130Js, which are used for search and rescue, drug and migrant interdiction, cargo and personnel transport, and maritime stewardship missions. The HC-130J is an integral component of the Coast Guard’s plan to modernize its fleet of aircraft, cutters and shore-based command centers with enhanced sensor and communication equipment to support all statutorily mandated missions.



Vice Adm. Peter V. Neffenger, vice commandant of the Coast Guard, and Claire Grady, deputy assistant commandant for acquisition and director of acquisition services, learn about the cockpit of CGNR 2008 during a visit to Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Marietta, Georgia, March 16, 2015. The Coast Guard accepted the aircraft into inventory March 19. Photo courtesy of Todd R. McQueen of Lockheed Martin.